1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8
12	Rajasthan	21897	1223.7	20673.3	23212	1275.7	21936.3	
13	Tamil Nadu	28430	2381.5	26048.5	28895	2524.5	26370.5	
14.	Uttar Pradesh	54238	2656.7	51581.3	58924	2552.7	56371.3	
15	West Bengal	26639	2332.1	24306.9	28237	2352.3	25884.7	
	All Major States	**357665**	**25375.2**	**332289.8**	**387950**	**25887.4**	**362062.6**	
	All India	**374450**	**27374.8**	**347075.2**	**397000**	**27959.7**	**369140.3**	

Wage ceiling coverage

1032. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to enhance the wage ceiling coverage for medical and social security benefits provided to the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the proposal mooted in this regard; and

(c) how many of the recommendations, made by the ESI panel in this regard, has been considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has set up a Committee on 27.8.2002 under the Chairmanship of Shri M.C. Verma to review the working of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). The Committee has, *inter-alia*, recommended enhancement of wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Scheme from Rs. 6,500/- p.m. to Rs. 9,000/- per monsth. The Committee has made a comprehensive study of the ESI scheme and suggested measures for implementation which have to be examined by the ESI Corporation.

Legislation for unorganised workers

1033. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact legislation for unorganised sector workers keeping in view of the recommendations made by Second National Labour Commission in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft legislation has been circulated to the Trade Unions; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (d) The Government have proposed to enact legislation for unorganised sector workers keeping in view the recommendations of Second National Labour Commission. The proposed law envisages social security and welfare measures for the workers in the unorganised sector. The draft legislation for the unorganised sector workers has been circulated to the Trade Unions for their views.

Functioning of PF sub-office at Kollam

1034. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-office of Provident Fund at Kollam in Kerala has started functioning;

(b) the staff strength allotted to the office and the district which stands set apart for this office;

(c) whether Government consider to reveal the year and date on which a decision was originally taken to start the above office at Kollam;

(d) whether Government consider to expand the present strength and coverage of this office; and

(e) whether Government consider to introduce computerization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Decision was taken on 25.10.2002 to open a Sub-Regional Office at Kollam. However, the Office could not start functioning due to non-availability of suitable accommodation.

(d) The coverage of this Office will depend upon requirement in the